A TRVE AND MOST Exact Relation of the taking of the goodly Ship called the *Saint Esprit*, belonging vnto the *French* King, which was built in *Holland*, and furnished with 54. Peeces of great Ordnance was surprised on the 28. day of *September*, by Sir *Sackeuill Treuer* Knight, and since brought ouer by him vnto *Harwich* in ESSEX.

Likewise,

The Proceedings of the Duke of *Buckingham* his Grace, in the Isle of *Ree.*

The killing of the Base Brother of the *French* King, at the new Fort before *Rochell* with a *Shott from one of our Ships.*

And also,

The appointed place of Randeuous of the great Fleete Threatned from Forraine parts to *raise the Siedge at the Isle of* Ree.

With many other particulars.

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A true and moſt exact relation of the taking of the goodly Ship called the *Saint Eſprit*, belonging vnto the *French King*, by *Sir* SACVILE TREVER Knight, the 28. of *September* 1627.

THe *French* reſoluing to build ſome Ships for the ſtrengthning of their Nauy, and wanting materialls, and Shippewrights in the Kingdome, they determined to build them in *Holland*, at *Amſterdame* and *Enchuſen*, a thing which the States of the Vnited Prouinces could not deny them, (it being at their proper coſte) in reſpect of thoſe obligements which binde them to that Nation.

The notice whereof, together with their ſuppoſed time of Launching, being aduertiſed into *England*, His Maieſtie to cruſh this Crocodile in the Shell, and to preuent the ſtorme of the danger before it fell, ſent out Sir *Sacville Treuer*, after his returne from the Riuer of *Elue*, where he made the *Haumburgers* come to reaſon, and ſearched their Shipps in deſpight of all oppoſition.

He had with him in this laſt expedition a Fleet of eight Saile, whereof foure were of the

Kings Nauy Royall, the reſt were Merchants.

His Commiſſion inioyned him to ply vp and downe vpon the Coaſt of *Holland*, and to take all *French* Shipps which he could meete withall.

He obſeruing carefully theſe Orders, vſed al poſsible ſpeede, and on Friday the eight and twentieth of *September*, he arriued at the *Texell* (a great Roade in *North-Holland*) about 8. of the Clocke at night, with all his Fleete in ſafety.

The names of his Ships were theſe.

The Kings good Ship called the *Aſſurance*, carrying 38. Peeces of Braſſe Ordnance, wherein Sir *Sackuille* himſelfe went as Admirall.

The Kings good Ship called the *Aduenture*, carrying 26. Braſſe Peeces, wherein Captain *George Allen* commanded as Vize Admirall.

The good Shippe called the *Ambroſe*, carrying 18. Peeces of Iron Ordnance, wherein Captaine *Iohn Petre* the Reare Admirall of the Fleete commanded.

The Kings good Ship called the *St. Marie of Roane*, carrying ſixteene great Peeces, beſides murderers, the Captaine whereof was Captaine *Thomas Bardeſey*.

Captaine *Cheineyes* Shippe called the *May flower of London*.

Captaine

Captaine *Hookes* Shippe called the *Lyon of Ipſwich*.

Captaine *Morgans* Ship called the *Iacob*.

Captaiue *Needham* a Pinnace belonging to the King, called the *Maria*, carrying ſixe Peeces of Braſſe Ordnance.

Theſe foure latter Shipps were of no great burthen, but were well manned, and of quick Steerage, and carried in all, beſides the Murderers which they had vpon their vpper decks, twenty pieces of Braſſe and Iron Ordnance.

Sir *Sackuille Treuer* got a *Dutch* Pilot vpon the Coaſt, who being demanded concerning the Ships that lay in the *Texell*, tolde him, that beſides ſixteene *Hollandiſh* men of Warre and diuerſe other Veſſells of good burthen, their lay one goodly *French* Shipp called the *Saint Eſprit*, which was of the burthen of 800 Tunnes, the vpper works whereof are richly guilt with double Angell Golde in the inſide and outſide of her, in thoſe places which were fitteſt to expreſſe pompe and ſtatelineſſe, as alſo the very Port-holes were curiouſly carued with Lyons heads gaping that were richly double guilt.

The Pilot after hee had bene fully queſtioned by Sir *Sackuile Treuer* concerning al particulars which might tend to the Seruice, tolde him, that if he would giue him him Gold, he would bring him to the ſide of her: whereupon

on Sir *Sackuile* gaue him a double *Portugue* in golde, valuing foure pounds sterling.

We comming neere vnto their *French* Ship presently she sent out her long Boat being manned with *French* and *Dutch* to hale vs, and to see what we were: But our Admirall commanding the men to come aboard vs, wee surprised the Long-boate, and pinioned the men and put them in the Hold.

Afterwards the *Esprit* discouering vs to bee Enemies, began to fight, and discharged (but without any effects of hurt) three great Shot and one hundred small shot. Then sir *Sackuille Treuer* being willing to take occasion by the foretop, and to slacke no time for feare of loosing aduantage, came vp close to her, and gaue her a whole broade side: so likewise did our Vize Admirall and Rere Admirall, and the St. *Marie*, where Captaine *Thomas Bardesey* commanded: which Shotte was discharged with that quicke motion, and working aduantage, that their maine Maste and Bowe-sprit being pierc'd thorough, they cryed out for Quarter, which for good considerations was graunted them: so that by ten of the clocke at night, which was two houres after our comming into the Texel, we became Masters of this great and warlike Ship.

Before wee came vp close to her, but after they had discouered vs to be Enemies, those of

of the St. *Esprit*, made a traine in a Cheſt filled with Gunpowder and other combuſtible materialls, to blowe vp the Ship and our men that ſhould enter it. But this reſolution was again altered, becauſe their long Boat being taken by our Admirall, they ſawe no other meanes of eſcape, but onely by ſubmitting themſelues vnto our mercie.

That night we diſpoſed of her men ſeuerally in our Ships, being one hundred French and fiftie Dutch. We gaue all faire quarter to the Dutch, but the French were kept Priſoners vntil the day before we came out of the *Texel*, and then they were all ſet on land in North Holland.

After wee had taken this Ship, there came vnto vs Captaine *Dopper* in the ſhip *Lion of Ipſwich*, and Captaine *Wall* in the *Swan of Aldborough*, on the Sunday following, whom we welcommed after the manner of the ſea.

There was another goodly French Shippe, which was newly come ouer Wearing Flatts diſtant eight miles from the *Texel*, who receiuing intelligence of our ſtrength, and of what we had done, got Hoyes, Lighters, and other ſmall Veſſels of tranſportation; in which hauing lighted her ſelfe of her Ordnance, ſhe got ouer the Flats to *Enchuſen*, before our men could come vp to her.

Wee came vp with eight ſaile of Shippes to

take her, but loosing our labour, by meanes that she was safely harboured in *Enchuisen*, we returned backe againe vnto our *Admirall*, who expected our comming in the *Texel* roade.

Some of the States of the neighbour townes, came aboard vs, and demaunded peremptorily, by vertue of what commission we came to fetch that Ship out of their Rode. Our Admirall tolde them, that he had commission to take all French Ships, which hee could meete withall, and hee was assured that this was a French Ship, and therefore hee aduentured to take her without any further commission.

Cap. *George Allen* our Vize Admiral & some others of this Fleete, stayes vpon the coast of Holland, for the intercepting of this and other French Ships: the rest vnder the conduct of Sir *Sackuill Trever* brought home the surprised Ship to *Harwich*.

This goodly Ship taken on the 28. of September, as is afore said, had 42. Peeces of Ordnance mounted, twelue Peeces vnmounted in her hold, 2006. Armours, one hundred and fifty Muskets, and 60. barrels of Gunpowder.

The specification of her Ordnance

ITem, vpon her lower Tier 20. whole Culuerings of Brasse of full size, being in height fiue inches and a quarter. 20

In her stearage two demie Culuerings of Brasse, in height foure inches, one quarter, and better. 2

Item, two Drakes vpon the halfe decke, being brasse of Sacker bore. 2

24. Brasse.

Item, vpon her vpper Tyer 12. Demi-Culuerings of Iron in height, foure inches and a quarter: 12

Item, foure Sackers of Iron vpon the halfe decke. 2

18. Iron.

Summe totall mounted is 42.

ITem, it is reported there is in hold twelue Peeces of Iron, all whole Culuerings, wee

woke the height of two, being fiue inches, the reſt we could not come to. 12

The length of the Shippe by the keele, is 105. foote. 105

The kreadth by her beame is 35. foote. 35

From the Kilchin to the Deck in depth twelue foote. 12

Item, 2006. Armours.

Item, 150. Muskets:

Item, 60: Barrels of Gunpowder:

Concerning

CONcerning the proceedings of our Armie and Nauie in the Iland of *Ree* (commonly called Saint *Martins*) there hath happened no memorable accident, as farre as we can vnderſtand, ſince the Wedneſday ſennight after Sir *Iohn Burrowes* was ſlaine, vpon the night of which day our men ſurprized diuers Boats as they were paſsing to the Fort with Victualls: the particulars of which exploite were related in our laſt Iournall: but concerning the occurrences happening in the Maine, we haue receiued their aduertiſements by Letters out of *France* on Wedneſday laſt being the third of October.

That the French King being fully bent to follow his Deſignes againſt *Rochell*, and to plucke out that thorne, which (as the Cardinall intimated vnto him) had ſo long ſtucke in the ſides of his Soueraigntie, continues the building of his new Fort, of purpoſe to debar the Townes-men from all ingreſſe and egreſſe by water. He followes this worke with great charge and greater labour, as well knowing how important the finiſhing thereof will bee for his farther ends and intentions. Hee hath cauſed twelue whole Cannons to be mounted before the breaſt of this Fort, with which his Canoniers make diuers randome ſhot into the Towne, but with more terrour then danger.

Some Ships of our Fleet riding not farre from the Fort, haue beſtowed diuers ſhot vpon the French, though without point blanke diſtance. One of which fell ſo fortunately for vs, and ſo vnfortunately for them, that it killed a baſe ſonne of that great *Henry* the fourth, which he had by a ſiſter of the Duke of *Orleance*. The ſame ſhot did likewiſe kill another Duke, of whoſe name wee are not as yet certaine. And the wind of that bullet ſtruck downe the Monſieur (the legitimate Brother of the French King) as hee was conferring with the other two.

It is further confirmed that two principall men of the French Nobility were ſlaine by the late Ambuſh of the *Rochellers*. Which two Noblemen with diuers other braue Cheualiers, were drawne within danger by a ſtale made by twenty common Souldiers in the habite of Gentlemen, who ſallyed forth of the Towne of *Rochell*.

The *Rochellers* are very carefull to furniſh our Fleete and Armie, with all neceſſarie Prouiſions, which their ſtore or procuration can afford: and theſe they tranſport in twenty long Boates, which in token of the ſeruice that they owe vnto the King of *England*, carrie red croſſes for the deuice of their colours. Diuers Engliſh who haue beene either ſicke or wounded are in the Towne, amongſt whom is

that

that honourable Knight Sir *Charles Rich*, who is cured of his wound, but hath not as yet recouered the perfect vſe of his arme. His preſence is much deſired of my Lord *Duke*, and is expected in the Armie euery day.

His Excellencie to auoyde the extortion of Victuallers, who like the milt in mans body growe fat by the leaneneſſe of others, hath out of his Noble diſpoſition publiſhed a Proclamation for the price of Bread, Wine, and other neceſſaries, according to the rates of which Proclamation, the Ilanders and others from the Continent doe bring in Victualls.

There is a confident report in all thoſe parts of *France*, that there are appointed forty Ships of Warre to come from *Spaine*, and twenty from *Dunkerke*, who are to ioyne with the French Fleete for the ſuccours of the Iland, and the beating off of the Engliſh. The Randeuowe of all theſe Shippes was appointed at *Blawet*, a famous Port Towne in *Brittanie*, on the tenth of this preſent moneth.

FINIS.